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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATION AGAINST U.S. BASES

1. ON MONDAY, APRIL 15, THERE WAS A SMALL ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION AT THE RAAF BASE IN RICHMOND, N S W. ALTHOUGH THE DEMONSTRATION WAS ADVERTISED IN ADVANCE IN CERTAIN LEFT WING PUBLICATIONS AS WELL AS BY POSTERS, IT PRODUCED A TOTAL TURNOUT OF ABOUT 45 PERSONS ACCORDING TO POLICE. THE DEMONSTRATION'S MAIN SIGNIFICANCE IS (A) AS EVIDENCE OF A CONTINUING LEFT WING EFFORT TO FOCUS HOSTILE ATTENTION ON U.S. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND (B) OF THE LACK OF PUBLIC RESPONSE.

2. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS BILLED IN ADVANCE WITH LARGE POSTERS PUT ON THE FRONT OF THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN SYDNEY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13. ONE POSTER PROCLAIMED "NO U.S. BASES. RICHMOND ROCK AND PROTEST FESTIVAL. BRING YOUR OWN ROCKS. PROTEST AGAINST USAF MILITARY AIR LIFT COMMAND. U.S. MILITARY OUT - STOP OMEGA." INTERESTED PERSONS WERE INVITED TO WRITE TO "THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN AUSTRALIA, BRICKFIELD HILL, N S W.", 94 59 "THE STOP OMEGA COMMITTEE" IN ELSTERNWICK, VICTORIA.

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THE SECOND POSTER PROCLAIMED "SEE THE U.S.A. FOR ONLY

DOLS100. JOIN THE LONG MARCH TO NORTHWEST CAPE, MAY 4 TO 27." THOSE INTERESTED WERE INVITED TO CONTACT THE "LONG MARCH COMMITTEE" AT ADDRESSES IN SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE. THE LEFT WING ORIENTATION OF THE DEMONSTRATION IS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE FACT THAT THE SO-CALLED "LONG MARCH TO NORTHWEST CAPE" HAS BEEN SUPPORTED IN THE ORGAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AUSTRALIA "TRIBUNE".

3. APPARENTLY ABOUT 45 PERSONS SHOWED UP AT 1300 AND MILLED AROUND IN AN ORDERLY MANNER AT THE MAIN GATE OF THE RAAF BASE AT RICHMOND BUT DID NOT TRY TO ENTER. ABOUT 1600 THEY BOARDED A BUS AND DEPARTED FOR SYDNEY. THE HEAD OF THE SPECIAL BRANCH COMMENTED THAT "AT THAT RATE, THEY WILL NEVER MAKE IT TO THE NORTHWEST CAPE BY MAY 17."
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